

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Chronology of Events

- 1923 A sculpture in the Black Hills is suggested by South Dakota State Historian Doane Robinson (Dec 28, 1923).
- 1925 Federal Government and South Dakota authorize a carving in the Harney National Forest. (March 3 & 5).
- 1925 Dedication of Mount Rushmore as a national memorial with a flag ceremony. (October 1).
- 1927 First ceremonial drilling takes place at Mount Rushmore after President Coolidge hands Borglum a set of drill bits. (August 10)
- 1927 First actual carving begins on Mount Rushmore. (October 4).
- 1930 Dedication of the Washington figure. (July 4).
- 1936 Dedication of the Jefferson figure by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. (August 30).

- 1937 Dedication of the Lincoln figure.
(September 17).
- 1939 Dedication of the Roosevelt figure.
(July 2).
- 1941 Gutzon Borglum dies in Chicago.
(March 6).
- 1941 Final drilling takes place under the direction of
Lincoln Borglum.
(October 31).